

CONSUL NAST'S SUCCESSOR  
IS A NATIVE MISSOURIANHERMAN R. DIETRICH.  
Of Attica, Mo., who has been appointed Consul General to succeed Thomas Nast, at Ecuador.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Attica, Mo., April 15.—Herman R. Dietrich, who has been appointed Consul General to succeed Thomas Nast, was born in Attica, Livingston County, Mo., January 6, 1862. His education was that of the common schools of this place, but he early showed a marked executive ability.

His early life was spent on the farm, but he entered on a mercantile career in the year 1881, and has since that time steadily climbed the ladder of success in business enterprises. His foresight in many things has been remarkable, and his ready adaptability to the situations around him has added him in all his various ventures.

Mr. Dietrich was Postmaster of Attica for two terms, and it is his efforts that the rural-mail delivery was established here. He represented Livingston County in the Forty-second General Assembly.

## EAST SIDE NEWS.

STEAMER J. RIGHTMAN  
WRECKED NEAR ALTON

Board Crashes Against Pier of Bridge While Towing Heavy Barge.

## EFFORTS MADE TO RESCUE HER.

River Is Splashing Over Her Decks, but the Craft Is Still Afloat and May Be Saved.

The steamer Jacob Rightman, in command of her owner, Captain Jacob Rightman, struck the Alton bridge yesterday afternoon while attempting to tow a barge and raft through a raft span and was wrecked. The bulkheads of the hurricane deck were torn away and the upper parts lodged against the girder of the bridge.

The Rightman had a raft of logs and a barge of cottonwood from Culver Island, the property of Alexander Wise of Alton, which was being towed to St. Louis.

As the steamer approached the raft span of the bridge the swift current and heavy wind made her unmanageable, and the raft swung against the outer pier of the draw span. Here it hung for several minutes, when it broke away and floated down the river. The barge also broke loose and followed the raft.

The raft carried two of the crew down with it, Master Wilson and Charles Ott, the latter from Jerseyville, but the men had a boat on the raft and were in no danger of drowning. Others of the crew attempted to gain the steamer and there were some narrow escapes.

When the raft and barge parted the Rightman swung around into the current, but was caught by the swift current and was wrecked. The barge listed badly, but did not sink.

Alexander Wise, owner of the raft and barge, was aboard, but escaped with the crew to the bridge.

The steamer Alma was sent after the barge and raft, and Captain Rightman was rescued by St. Louis for a tug. Last night the tug was running over the river and the rivermen feared that the boat will go to the bottom. The water is high and the tug is in a bad way.

The Jacob Rightman was built by Captain Rightman in 1883, at St. Louis. She is 100 feet long and 22 feet wide. She has a tonnage of 320 tons and cost \$22,000. She ran out of Omaha during the Omaha Exposition in the excursion business.

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WEDDINGS IN BELLEVILLE  
EXCEEDED BY DIVORCES.

Court Clerk Comments Upon the Increased Number of Suits Filed for Severance of Marriage Ties.

The Circuit Court docket in Belleville shows that the increase in divorce suits within the last few months is remarkable. Hardly a day passes but that a divorce suit is filed, and on many days two and three are posted on the docket.

During the last term of court fifty divorce suits were filed, making up nearly one-half of the cases on the docket. Thus far ten new suits have been filed for the September term of the Circuit Court, embracing five divorces granted and five decrees of non-suam.

Circuit Clerk may state that the number of divorces granted now exceeds the number of marriages licensed in Belleville couples to the County Clerk's office.

DECLARES INDICTMENT ILLEGAL.  
One Case Against Frank Wilkins, Charged With Arson, Dismissed.

One of the cases against Frank Wilkins, indicted by the January Grand Jury on a charge of arson, was dismissed by the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon. It is charged that the indictment was faulty inasmuch as George Jones, who was indicted with Wilkins, was permitted to give evidence against the Grand Jury. The case was dismissed because the indictment did not hold Wilkins.

Jones pleaded guilty to the indictment before the Grand Jury. He was sentenced to have been sentenced by the judge in a few days. As the attorneys defending Wilkins were unable to secure a continuance of the case, the case against Jones was dismissed.

The arrest of Wilkins and Jones on a charge of arson grew out of a fire which occurred in the factory of Wilkins in East St. Louis last June.

Belleville News Notes.  
The Philharmonic Society will take place tonight at Liederkreis Hall.

George Henschel has announced himself an independent candidate for member of the School Board.

The funeral of George Reibinger, who died Tuesday, took place last afternoon at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Reibinger, at 1214 North Third street.

The Women's Relief Corps will hold its regular meeting in the Odd Fellows' Hall Saturday evening.

Henry Baumbach, Nick Haffner, F. Trautmann and William Althoff will depart for Germany April 2.

The last will of Miss Mary Tracy was filed for probate yesterday.

The St. Clair County Retail Druggists' Association, held its annual meeting at St. Louis, Mo., yesterday.

Miss Elizabeth Eaton of Jerseyville was married to the Rev. John H. Eaton of St. Louis, Mo., yesterday.

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"I could not keep my hair from falling out and I had to wear it very short all the time. But since using Ayer's Hair Vigor, my hair has stopped falling and has grown until it is now 14 inches long. Nearly all my friends have remarked about the rapid growth of my hair. I feel very proud of this, for I was practically without any hair at all."—Mrs. J. H. Fitzer, Colorado Springs, Colo. October, 1902.

"When I began using Ayer's Hair Vigor my hair was about all gray. Now it is a beautiful black, nice and long, and as thick as any one could wish to have the hair. If any one will only follow directions, the Vigor will surely do all that is claimed for it."—Mrs. Susan Klopferstein, Tusculum, Ala. October, 1902.

"I am over sixty years of age and have a thick, heavy head of long hair which is a perfect wonder to every one who sees it. I say, 'It is all due to Ayer's Hair Vigor,' which I have used for over thirty years."—Mrs. H. R. Buxton, Becida, Minn. November, 1902.

"Before using Ayer's Hair Vigor my hair was very short. Now it is four inches below my waist and I know it is all due to the Hair Vigor. It is the best hair tonic I have ever used."—Mrs. Ed. Masura, Midway, Kans. August, 1902.

"I am greatly pleased with Ayer's Hair Vigor. It stopped my hair from falling out and made it grow much longer and thicker. I have used many kinds of hair tonics, but never found anything that pleased me until I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor."—Lillian Weymouth, Saco, Me. November, 1902.

Here are five genuine testimonials. We could give ten times or one hundred times as many, equally good. But—

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\$1.00. All druggists.

J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

FORMER MERCHANT DIES  
IN BELLEVILLE POORHOUSE.

John C. Brace Will Be Buried by Firm Which Is Beneficiary for His Life Insurance.

John C. Brace, 65 years old, formerly a merchant of Whitehall, Ill., died a pauper at the St. Clair County Poor Farm, near Belleville, yesterday afternoon. Brace was well known in Chicago at one time. He failed in business in 1888, and since that time has been in poor circumstances.

His downfall was attributed to drink. At one time he was a member of a large military firm, and they held an insurance policy on Brace's life for \$5,000, on which they kept up the premiums as security for their money. On his death the old man expressed a wish that Fisk & Co. be informed of his death.

Doctor Woods complied with the man's wish and last night received a telegram from the firm, which was to be paid to the man's wife and last night received a telegram from the firm, which was to be paid to the man's wife.

Persons Living Near Camp Feared No-mad's Disposed of Horses.

Sam Lee, William Wharton and Joshua Harris, a trio of gypsies, camped in the northern outskirts of East St. Louis, were yesterday for an alleged violation of the statutes which prohibit the sale of horses to persons living near the city.

The complaint against the trio was made by A. C. Weaver, who conducts a grocery store near the camp. The arrest being made by Deputy Sheriff Charles Cash.

Mr. Weaver said that he did not object to the general demeanor of the gypsies, but that they were in the habit of allowing their horses to run at large along the city limits in that vicinity, and that the animals were diseased. He feared that other stock in the neighborhood would become infected.

The gypsies paid their fines and stated that they would leave the camp at once.

## SWERENGE GETS LONG SENTENCE.

Slayer of Michael Schriber of East St. Louis Sentenced to Goshen, Ind.

Goshen, Ind., April 15.—Henry Swerenge of South Bend, charged with the murder of Michael Schriber of East St. Louis, was sentenced to twenty-one years in the Michigan City Prison.

SEWING SOCIETY FORMED.  
Object Is to Raise Funds for G. A. R. Encampment.

A knitting and sewing circle has been formed by East St. Louis. The first meeting of the circle was held at the home of Mrs. C. Brown, No. 1244 Gay avenue, and it was decided to convert the society into an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, to assist in the entertainment of

visitors to the State encampment, to be held in East St. Louis in May.

The members of the circle have agreed to make a patchwork quilt to be presented to the oldest veteran attending the encampment. Mrs. Lizzie Millhouse of No. 1116 St. Louis avenue, is president of the society. The next meeting will be held April 23 at the home of Mrs. Ella Lawrence, No. 1116 St. Louis avenue.

GIRL FUGITIVE IS CAUGHT.  
Anne Billich, Who Escaped From Poor Farm, to Testify Against Uncle.

Annie Billich, 14 years old, who escaped from the St. Clair County Poor Farm Tuesday, was found near the National Stock Yards by the East St. Louis police yesterday.

The girl is wanted as the principal witness against her uncle, Ernest Reidel, who is in jail at Belleville, awaiting investigation by the Grand Jury on a serious charge.

The East Side authorities believe the child was persuaded to run away from the county farm by her aunt, who is also a resident of the East Side.

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## EDWARDSVILLE.

County Clerk Issues Call for Meeting of New Supervisors.

County Clerk Edward Feur issued yesterday the call for the first meeting of the new Board of Supervisors of Madison County. The first meeting is always a special, secured upon application to the Clerk from one-third of the members. The Clerk has set Monday, April 27, as the date for the initial gathering.

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—Rose Clark was arrested at the Madison House yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Dennis Hertz on a bench warrant from Hillsboro. She is charged with the murder of a man named before the Montgomery County Grand Jury.

The condemnation suits of the Big Four Railroad cases up in the County Court before Judge J. R. Hill yesterday. There are nine suits, involving about sixty acres of farm land, representing property with which the company was unable to effect settlement.

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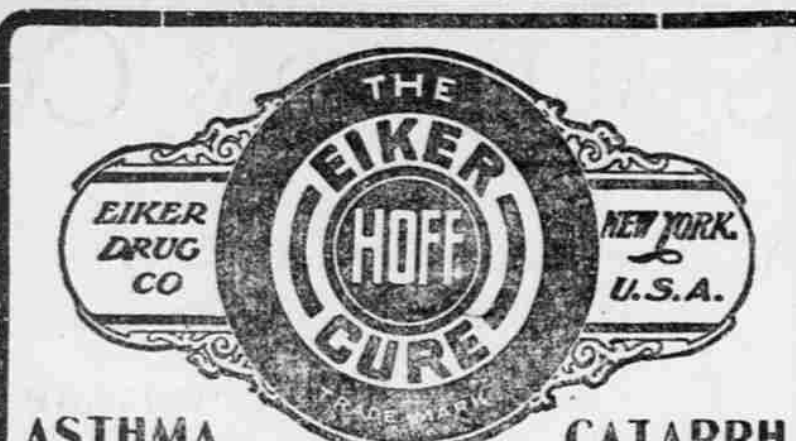
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THE EIKER-HOFF CURE—A new discovery—A clear, transparent, almost tasteless solution (manufactured under an open formula), prescribed in six-drop doses, which does not derange, weaken, nauseate, or affect the stomach.

Following are a few of the testimonials received during the week ending April 4.

TWELVE HUNDRED more like them, covering every phase, description and symptom of disease for which the EIKER-HOFF CURE is a specific, together with full details of positive cures, can be had at Wolff-Wilson.

These 1,200 testimonials, if printed in this newspaper, would fill eight full pages. They show more genuine and voluntary evidences of cures of chronic cases of ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, CATARRH and CONSUMPTION than all other so-called "cures" can show in the entire history of their business. And all this within the short space of six months on a remedy only recently advertised, and which, prior to February 15, 1903, depended for its sale solely upon recommendations of one person to another.

## THESE TESTIMONIALS TELL THE STORY:

March 25, 1903.  
I am nearly out of medicine and I am new writing for another bottle of your Eiker-Hoff Cure. To say I am a hundred times better since I began taking the Eiker-Hoff Cure would be saying too much. I am so much better that I am now able to do all the work I want to do. I am so much better that I am now able to do all the work I want to do. I am so much better that I am now able to do all the work I want to do.

March 25, 1903.  
I will with pleasure and a thankful heart to God say that I have been improving and have gained in flesh since taking your Eiker-Hoff Cure. I am so much better that I am now able to do all the work I want to do. I am so much better that I am now able to do all the work I want to do.

March 25, 1903.  
I am now taking a rest for one week and am feeling much better. I am so much better that I am now able to do all the work I want to do. I am so much better that I am now able to do all the work I want to do.

March 25, 1903.  
I have now finished the fourth bottle of your Eiker-Hoff Cure. I am so much better that I am now able to do all the work I want to do. I am so much better that I am now able to do all the work I want to do.

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See that the "Bull's-Eye" trade mark of the Hoff Medicine is on every bottle. No other is authorized.

## Wolff-Wilson Drug Co.

SIXTH AND WASHINGTON AVE.

## TO HONOR CAPTAIN HODGES.

Business Men Will Give Banquet for Former Councilman.

Arrangements have been completed for a banquet to be given to Captain W. H. Hodges in acknowledgment of his efficient services to St. Louis while serving in the City Council. The banquet, which takes place at the St. Louis Club to-morrow evening, is being given by prominent business men. The banquet, which takes place at the St. Louis Club to-morrow evening, is being given by prominent business men.

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